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Dragoons Celebrate diversity during Black History Month

ZABUL, Afghanistan- Troopers of the 2D Stryker Cavalry Regiment gathered alongside their Coalition counterparts from Combined Team Zabul to celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans during a Black History Month celebration held Saturday, Feb 26 at Forward Operating Base Lagman.

The special guest speaker of the evening was Command Sergeant Major Marvin L. Hill, the Command Senior Enlisted Advisor for International Security Forces/ United States Forces- Afghanistan. Hill reflected on how Black History Month is more than just the celebration of African Americans.

“Black History month is a time to celebrate our diversity,” Hill said. “It is also a time to reflect on the accomplishments that African Americans have made throughout history and to think about what diversity will mean in the future.”

“Black History month is just not a celebration of African Americans, it’s a celebration of all Americans,” Hill explained. “Because Black history is also American history and it is part of our unique history as a nation.”

Hill’s diversity message could not have been more fitting for his audience which included Afghans, Romanians, U.S. Soldiers and civilians from a myriad of cultures. All of which are vital parts of the CTZ force.

Hill went on to discuss how it is the cultural diversity of the United States military that has helped make it the outstanding force it is today.

“Each one of us brings different histories, different heritages and different perspectives to the table,” Hill continued. “It is that diversity that enriches our nation, will keep our Army strong and has made our military the dominate force it is now and will keep it a dominate force in the future.” “No matter how diverse we are, we are all part of the same team with the same goals,” he said. “Those goals are to fight and win our nations wars, safeguard freedom at home and build it abroad.”

Some of the other highlights of the evening included cultural dance numbers performed by the CTZ Dance team, and musical numbers sang by the CTZ Choir and other Soldiers and civilians who volunteered their talents to make the night a success.

Caption

Photo: **Strength in Diversity :**

Command Sgt Major Marvin Hill, Senior Enlisted Leader for ISAF/ United States Forces-Afghanistan discusses the diversity in American History during his key note address at the Black History Month Celebration at Forward Operating Base Lagman. (Photo by Sgt. Jerry Wilson)



Caption

Photo: **Harmony:**

The CTZ Choir sings a stirring rendition of “Go Down Moses” during the Black History Month celebration at Forward Operating Base Lagman.

(Photo by Sgt. Jerry Wilson)

